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IN THE CLAIMS

. Please amend claims 61 and 82 as follows:

61. (Amended)   A method for providing simultaneous access by at least first and

second users to a common file on a computer network which has at least one physical storage

device, said method comprising the steps of:

defining in said at least one physical storage device a common partition for storing

common data which is accessible to said first and second users;

defining in said at least one physical storage device a first partition for storing first

update data representing changes to the common data in first user selected data fields in said

common partition without storing unchanged common data, said first update data in said first

partition is at least partially inaccessible to said second user;

providing said first update data to the first partition; and

selectively merging said first update data into said common partition at a desired time

so as to replace the common data in said first user selected data fields with said first update

data.

82. (Amended)   A storage system for a computer network simultaneously

accessible by at least first and second users, comprising:

at least one physical storage device,

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